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Jerry Cates  
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Dear Mr. Cates:

On August 25, 2005, this office received a plan of operations that was considered a draft for the expansion of the main quarry. We have discussed with you submitting a detailed final plan of operations for this expansion on several occasions, but we have not received the detailed plan of operations although you have submitted a map showing this expansion. We also discussed with you the possibility of a 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor preparing the plan of operations to facilitate the environmental review. We will need a far more detailed plan of operations for this expansion, including cross-sections of proposed waste rock storage areas with estimated waste rock volumes. We will need this detailed plan of operations before we can begin the environmental review of this project.

Once we have received a complete plan of operations, we would then assist you and your 3<sup>rd</sup> party environmental consultant in the completion of site surveys and the environmental analysis. Because of the complexity of environmental regulations, a considerable amount of time would be necessary for coordinating both surveys and preparation of the environmental document. Generally, a memorandum of understanding would be prepared between you and the Forest Service setting forth guidelines for the project. This would include giving the Forest Service the approval of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultant and that the consultant would serve under the direct supervision and control of the Forest Service. Additionally, subcontractors would also be subject to FS approval.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Steve Flock, Minerals Management Specialist, at the above address or telephone number.

Sincerely,

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